

Camel Owners Workshops

**11TH -13TH
18TH - 20TH
MAY 24**

**28TH -30TH
SEPTEMBER
2024**

**19TH -21ST
OCTOBER
2024**

**CLAYTON
STATION**

**STARTS AT
7AM**

**Book on-line
3 Full Days
7am - 6pm**

**ETHICAL CAMEL
HANDLING 101**





For Camel owners and cameleers:

1 Learn safe and ethical techniques for walking & riding your camels

2 Learn from cameleers with a broad skillset and decades of experience

3 Learn on an active trek, in a region rich with Afghan cameleer history

4 Spend three days of immersion with beginner and seasoned camels

5 Learn how cameleers can assist 'difficult' camels & rehabilitate camels with a history of trauma.



Join us for a Practical Hands-on 3 Full Days Workshop

Discover Safe and Ethical Camel Handling within Our 'Adventure & Eco-Tourism' Awarded Company. With over two decades of operational expertise, we'll share invaluable experience while you gain confidence and skills.

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“IF YOU’RE CHASING A GOAL OF BEING MORE COMFORTABLE AND COMPETENT, WE CAN 100% HELP YOU.”

A successful camel leader must possess patience, work methodically, and excel in diverse outdoor and dynamic conditions.

There are fundamental principles to camel handling that remain relevant regardless of experience level or the camel's age. Establishing leadership and adhering to the principles of patience, consistency, and repetition are essential.

Camel training typically falls into three main categories: Classical or Traditional Afghan, Natural, and Positive Reinforcement. Including the above, we often integrate best practices from horse handling models, and we're flexible in adapting our approach to suit each camel's individual needs.

These workshops are practical in delivery and include how we work alongside camels in the context of commercial trekking, covering learning aspects such as ideal leading, reading the landscapes and surrounds, mitigation of risk - safety for camels, guests and cameleers, first aid for both, camel tack eg. saddlery, navigation, knot applications, feeding and hydration.

This year, along with our seasoned trekking chariots, we have four very beautiful large bullocks who will commence their trekking education. This enables you to observe the process of cameleers working towards these camels responding to verbal commands, accepting halters, being led, and having close contact, fostering gentleness and calmness in human interactions.



“IF A CAMEL ISN'T COMFORTABLE, YOU'VE BROKEN THE FIRST SAFETY RULE. HAPPY CAMELS = HAPPY GUESTS, AND CAMELEERS.”

You will experience a plenitude of camel husbandry, including the how's and why's of brushing, blanketing and ideal fitted saddlery with daily demonstrations, including familiarisation with saddle weight applied (maybe carrying water or swag), conducted in a positive and reassuring manner.

You will participate in how to effectively lead camels in strings to promote safety, eating on the move, cooperative behaviour, and ideal socialisation amongst the camels in your string, and with other nearby strings or solo riders.

You will engage in supervised hands-on activities where camels are guided on verbal command for hooshing, standing, leading, how to best turn, and move confidently within a string wearing saddlery, ensuring smooth facilitation in various weather conditions and scenarios. A confident leader and leadership is essential.

You will observe cameleers supporting the new camels, encouraging a steadiness of temperament when interacting with the visual sights and sounds of guests movements, and any other surrounding activities.

The outdoor classroom is set-up to be supportive, with the ultimate focus on the camels integrating learning in a positive, easy manner, equally alongside the essential priority of guest and cameleer safety.

If a camel isn't comfortable, you've broken the first safety rule.
Happy camels = happy guests, and cameleers.



"THE JOY AND PLEASURE WE SHARE STEM FROM YEARS OF WORKING IN A CAMEL-CENTRIC CAPACITY, WHERE THE CAMELS ARE VIEWED AS OUR COLLEAGUES, MUCH LIKE EACH OTHER."

Throughout the workshop, you'll have the opportunity to learn alongside experienced cameleers, gaining practical skills and insights into camel communication tailored specifically for owners looking to deepen their understanding and improve their relationship with their camel.

Camel Treks Australia staff possess skills and experience beyond trekking. Their expertise spans decades with camels in diverse range of areas, including television productions, working within organisations such as the Royal Zoological Society of South Australia, and providing services for the Tourism Industry Council. Additionally, they have conducted tours in Forestry S.A., the Fleurieu Peninsula, the Coorong, Central and Far North Flinders Ranges regions before committing to Outback South Australia.

They understand the importance of achieving high operational standards for obtaining insurance, licensing, and permits. Moreover, they have held permits to facilitate treks within World Heritage-listed National Parks. Their extensive international travel has provided them with the opportunity to immerse themselves in camel nomad communities for extended periods and they hold memberships with a multitude of professional organisations. They are considered leaders in ethical camel tourism, an increasingly essential aspect in our journey towards a more conscious world. Visiting their website you'll see they are multi-awarded with 5 star reviews.

The Senior Cameleers are highly approachable and eager to share their knowledge before their planned retirement in the coming years.



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